

A true  
NARRATIVE  
Of the Proceedings at the  
Sessions-house  
IN THE  
OLD-BAYLY,

May 16, 17, & 18. 1678.

Setting forth

The Tryal & Condemnation of *Charl. Pamplin*,  
for killing Lieutenant *Charles Dalison*, near *Covent-  
garden*.

With a particular Account of the Tryals and Condem-  
nation of Three men for Robbing on the Highway : And Two  
others for Horse-stealing.

And likewise the Tryal and Conviction of a young Lad  
for stealing One hundred and forty pounds out of a Goldsmiths  
Shop in *Lumbard street*.

And an exact Relation of all other remarkable Proceedings.

With the number of those that are Condemn'd, Burn'd  
in the Hand, and to be Whipt, &c.

These are to give notice, That the Book of the Sessions, that came  
out first, printed for Benj. Harris, is false, imperfect, and without  
Order.

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With Allowance. Ro. L'Estrange.

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## The Proceedings at the Sessions holden for London and Middlesex.

**T**He first that came to his tryal, was a little boy, pretending not to be above ten years of age, for stealing a silver Selt of the value of ten pounds, out of a Goldsmiths Shop. There were two other greater Thieves concerned with him, who having several Indictments against them, pleaded guilty to this and all other within the benefit of Clergy. They gave aim and directions, and this little Mercury did the Feat; for which he was found guilty, but in pity to his age, he was onely burnt in the Hand.

A man and a woman were indicted for stealing a bay Mare, taken out of a stable in Essex on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March last, and brought by the woman at the Bar into an Inn in Aldersgate-street. Against the man there was no Evidence, and the woman alledged that she was onely a Messenger hired by a person executed last Sessions, to remove the Mare from one Inn to another; and thereupon were both acquitted.

A man, his wife, and another woman were indicted for stealing four Demicasters the 17<sup>th</sup> of  
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*April* last, about *London* bridge. The man confessed it, the woman who sold them in *Longlane* one justified her self as being his wife, the other as coming by them by his delivery; and so got off.

A wench coming to Service by *Newgate* street, after she had been there a fortnight, takes her opportunity in her Masters and Mistresses absence to steal a silver Tankard valued at 3*l.* 10*s.* and a very considerable quantity of Linnen and wearing Apparel; with which she flies to *Oxford*, and there upon the notice given in the Gazette, was taken with part of the Goods, and now found guilty of Felony, alleadging she was instigated to it by a Sweet-heart of hers that came from *Portsmouth*.

A man and a woman indicted for stealing 3*l.* 6*d.* in money and a great quantity of Linnen and Clothes out of an Ale-house in *Beech lane*; where four of them came to drink one pair of stairs, and so tis thought picklockt the door two pair of stairs, no body else being that way between the time the things were seen and miss'd; yet there being no positive proof, nor any thing taken upon them, they were found not guilty.

Another fellow for stealing a silver Beaker out of a publick house in the same Parish, had not such good luck; for his Companion exposing it to sale, and offering him as a voucher, the first fled, and he was taken, and partly by his own words was found guilty.

A Country man was arraigned for taking away

22. pieces of broad Gold on the 22th of Nov.  
 last out of a Victualing house in St. Dunstons in  
 the West. He and another came thither to dine  
 in a Room where was a Closet; which the wo-  
 man occasionally opening, left the key in the  
 door, and the Prisoner bring old Acquaintance  
 in the house, pulled open the door and lookt  
 into the Closet; which the other in a jesting  
 way told the woman of, and bid her lo k if she  
 mis'd any thing: who seeing all things in order,  
 and particularly her Purse, where she left it, con-  
 cluded her Gold safe, and said she mis'd nothing  
 at present, but if she did afterwards, he should  
 answer it. Three weeks after, she misse her  
 Gold, and speaks to the said other Gentleman to  
 tell the now Prisoner of it, being in the Country,  
 who resolutely denies it. But that which seem'd  
 to have most weight, was, that amongst this  
 Gentlewomans Gold there was one piece that  
 was of *Olivers* Coyn, and remarkable for several  
 tokens as she declared, and it appeared the Pri-  
 soner had lately sold just such a piece to a per-  
 son of Honour; which being produced, had  
 exactly such marks as she had before declared,  
 and now upon her Oath affirmed it to be the  
 same to her best belief and knowledge. How-  
 ever, the Case appearing dubious, and the Pri-  
 soner (who was proved by a multitude of persons  
 of worth to be both a very honest and very able  
 and substantial man) alleadging, and the before-  
 mentioned Honourable person declaring to the  
 best of his remembrance, that he sold him that  
 piece

piece at *Michaelmas* last, whereas she lost not her till 22 Nov. and for that one piece might be like another, and she not missing them till so long after, some other body might in the mean time take them: The Jury therefore thought fit to acquit the person charged, from the Crime pretended against him.

The next was the eminent Tryal of *Charles Pamplin* for Murdering Lieutenant *Charles Dalison*, in which a great number of Witnesses were examined. First it was proved, that on Sunday the 28th of *April* last, about ten a clock at night Mr. *Dalison* near his Lodging over against the Rose-Tavern in *Covent garden*, was mortally wounded, being run in under the left Pap six inches deep: Who it was did it none saw, but two swore Mr. *Dalison* said it was *Pamplin*, and died within a quarter of an hour. A stick was taken up on the place, which 'twas proved the Prisoner had borrowed that morning. 'Twas proved the day before he coming into a mans Chamber while he was asleep, took away a very long Sword and left his own in the room of it; which long Sword compared now with Mr. *Dalisons*, exceeded it a quarter of a yard in length. 'Twas also proved, the Prisoner had declared, Mr. *Dalison* had affronted him, and that he would be reveng'd; and that very morning he told one, he resolv'd to cudgel one that had abused him, and about ten or eleven a clock at night (just about the time *Dalison* was kill'd) he pass by the same person in halt, and looking amazedly, said onely, *He had met with him*. That he was thereabouts till it was late walking up and down, did appear; nay, one woman swore that he confess he kill'd the Lieutenant, and at his taking in *Jewen street* he endeavour'd to flee, and said, *He was a dead man*. Upon all which, and divers other most violent Circumstances, being able to alledge very little for himself, but rather what made against him, as that he was sure Mr. *Dalison* was kill'd after ten a clock, &c. he was found guilty of the Murder, and received Sentence of Death.

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Then three lusty young fellows were tryed for two several Robberies on the Highway, but of that baser kind called the Foot-pad. One was on a person passing on foot through King Harries Walk, whom they set upon, beat, took from him about five shillings, all that he had about him, and then flung him into a Ditch and bound him. The other was on a Butcher on horse-back, who riding home with his Wife behinde him, in the evening spied these three men lurking under a Tree, and endeavoured to turn his horse, but before he could get back, was beset; whereupon he alighted and run for it, and they after: In the mean time the Wife rides away to get help; but they overtaking him, take from him three pounds, binde him, and get away; but were all taken, one at London, and two at Newington, the next morning: and now both the persons swore directly and positively against them all three; whereupon they were Condemned. 'Tis observable these Robberies were done the last Execution-day at night, and it was proved these Prisoners were that day at Tyburn in a Coach; so little did the sad sight of their Fellow-Criminals wretched end affect them, that in defiance to Justice they went immediately from that Spectacle to act the same or like Crimes as had brought the others thereunto.

A young Lad that was in but the last Sessions, was now arraigned for stealing 140 l. on the 27th of April last out of a Goldsmiths shop in Lombard Street. He watcht his opportunity when there was no body in the shop but a Maid-servant, and stepping behinde the Counter, snatches up two bags of money: The Maid seeing him go out with them, concluded him some Merchants man that came for some Money he had left there; but when they came to count over their Cash, they one bag of 80 l. and another of 60 l. missing. Upon further inquiry there was a Porter saw him go forth also with the bags; so that being able to give a description, one of the Marshalls men took him the next day; but the Money was not to be found. The Gentleman that lost it, to draw him to a discovery, put 20 l. more into his hands, which he was to have

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if he would help him to it again. The boy pretended 'twas buried in a Field, &c. but spent between 20 and 30 s. of the 20 l. and now denied he knew any thing of the said Robbery, much less what was become of the 140 l. However, on the aforesaid Evidence, knowing him again, he was Convicted and burnt in the hand.

The little boy first mentioned, was next day tried again, and found guilty of stealing from a Goldsmith in *Halborn* eight silver Spoons valued at 4 l. six silver Forks, silver Tumbler; of which, part being taken upon him, were produced in Court.

Two notorious Horse stealers were Convicted on several Indictments, being both joyntly found guilty of stealing two Horses from *Bednal-green*; one of which was taken at *Westminster*; the other sold into *Suffex*. They were likewise found guilty together of stealing a dun Gelding on the 10<sup>th</sup> of *Apr.* and one of them likewise by himself, Convicted on two several Indictments on the like kind: For which they received Sentence of Death.

A woman was Convicted of stealing a silver Trencher-plate of his Excellencies the *Portugal* Embassadors, whose Arms she had scratcht out; but bringing it to sell, the honest Goldsmith stoppt it on suspicion, and afterwards by putting it in the fire, or some such Art he used, as did notwithstanding make most part of the Arms conspicuous, he thereby discovered the Owner, and seized the Thief; who was now Convicted, but reprieved before Judgment.

Two persons were here in question about false and counterfeit Guinies. One of them not long since was Convicted at *Salisbury*, as he now confess in Court, for the Cheat of putting off such false Guinies; and now it was proved he had put off no less than three, one at a Tavern in *Moore-fields*, which was produced in Court; another at *Hackney*, where he was apprehended, and offered 10 l. to evade Prosecution, but the party was a better friend to Justice than to accept it a third at another place. There was an Indictment against them for High Treason,



son, but there was not sufficient Evidence to prove that they counterfeited them: But on the other Indictment for misdemeanour in cheating and defrauding the Kings Subjects, 'twas apparent they were guilty.

There were in all Ten persons that received Sentence of Death, viz. Seven men, one for Murder, three notorious Highway-men for several Robberies, two upon five several Indictments for Horse-stealing, a young man for a Felony, having been before burnt in the hand since *Christmas* last, and Three women, one for robbing her Master of goods to a great value, the other two (whereof one was an old notorious offender) for several Felonies committed under pretence of taking Lodgings, thereby having ruined divers honest poor people.

Besides these, there were Fourteen burnt in the hand, Four ordered to be whipt, Seven women sent from Newgate to Bridewell, and Twenty nine persons attainted or convicted heretofore of divers Crimes, that now all at once on their knees in Court pleaded his Majesties gracious Pardon.

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